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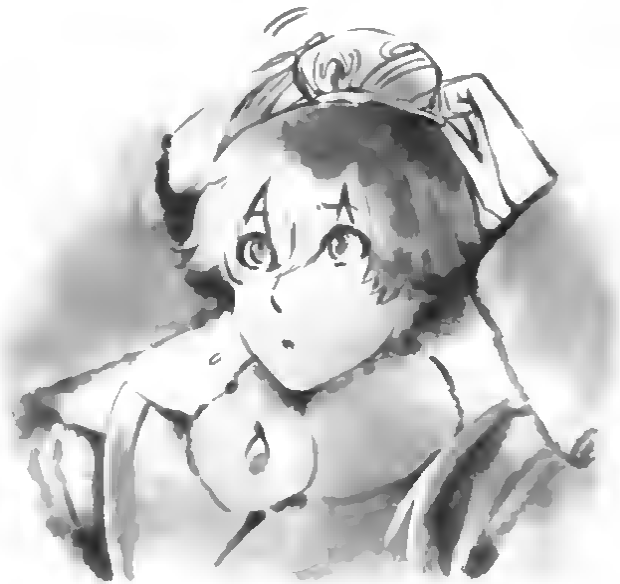

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CAO CAO LED HIS ARMY TO THE SOUTH TO SUBJUGATE ZHANG XIU.

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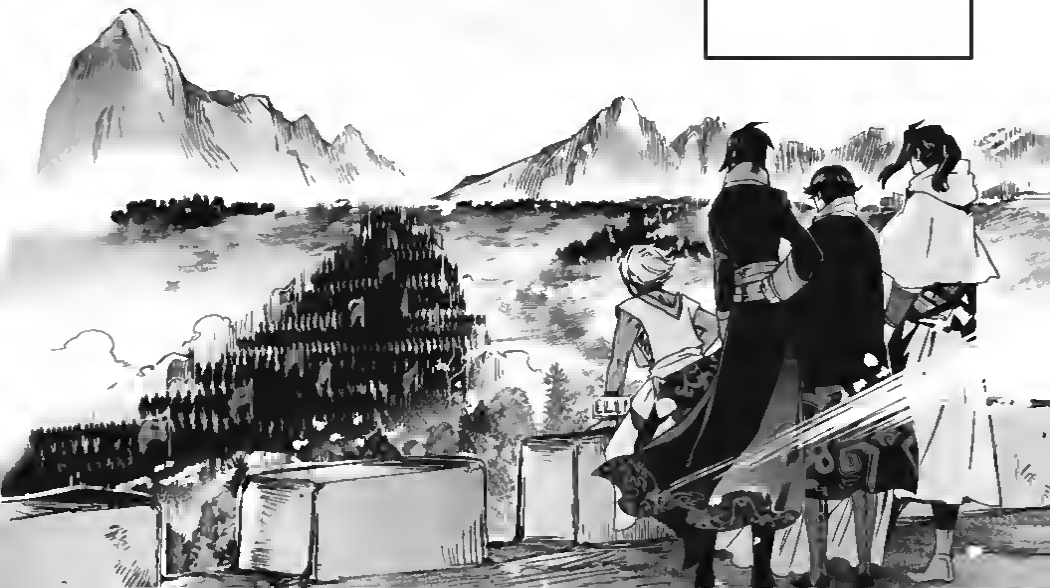
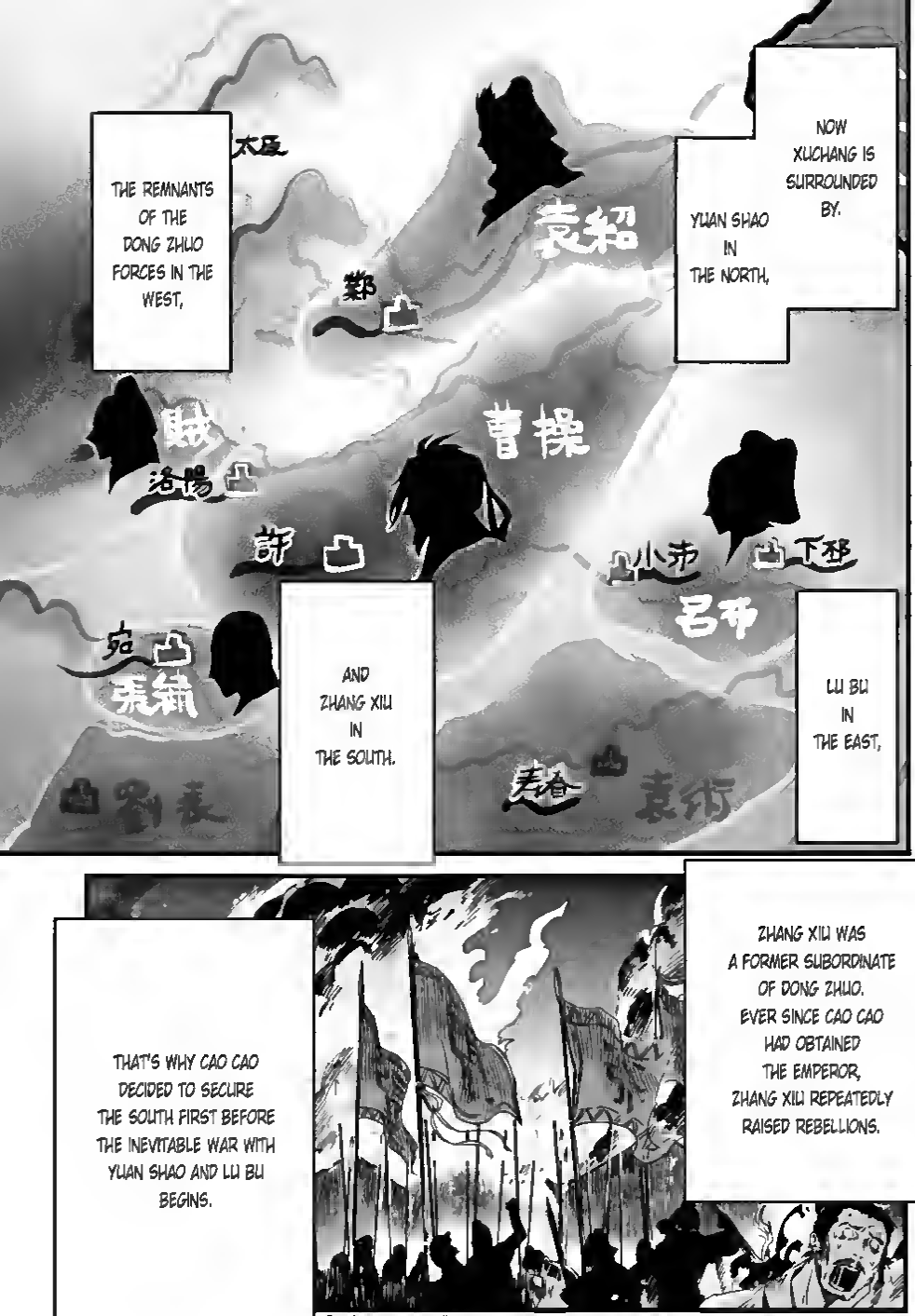
Dark clouds and two men are casting their shadows over the capital





THAT'S WHY CAO CAO DECIDED TO SECURE THE SOUTH FIRST BEFORE THE INEVITABLE WAR WITH YUAN SHAO AND LU BU BEGINS.
ZHANG XIU WAS A FORMER SUBORDINATE OF DONG ZHUO. EVER SINCE CAO CAO HAD OBTAINED THE EMPEROR, ZHANG XIU REPEATEDLY RAISED REBELLIONS.

*On the banners, "Zhang".

AND THEN...
...
WHAT'S THE MATTER?
ACTUALLY, ...

...
I'D LIKE TO ASK YOU TO LEND SOLDIERS TO US.
AS IF YOU HAVEN'T HEARD!
SO, IT'S ABOUT SOLDIERS AGAIN...
PLEASE TELL ME, DID ANYTHING HAPPEN?

RECENTLY MYSTERIOUS SKIRMISHES STARTED TO HAPPEN NEAR XUCHANG.
THE SURVIVORS ARE SO FEW, THAT EVEN THE ENEMY BANNER IS UNKNOWN, NOT TO MENTION THEIR NUMBERS.

THE BATTLES TAKE PLACE IN THE REGION THAT WE, THREE BROTHERS, USED TO CONTROL.
MANY PEOPLE HAVE BEEN ATTACKED AND LOST THEIR HOMES.
IT'S IMPOSSIBLE FOR ME NOT TO ACT.
YOU ARE RIGHT, MASTER LIU BEI.
SURELY, WE CAN'T OVERLOOK IT.

HOWEVER, I'M AFRAID I CANNOT GIVE YOU THE SOLDIERS.
FIRST: YOU ALL ARE OUR DEAREST GUESTS HERE.
WHY?
...
WE, THE CAO ARMY, NOW BELONG TO THE EMPEROR.
BUT, THERE IS SECOND: ...
IF LORD CAO CAO LEARNS THAT ANYTHING HAPPENED TO SUCH IMPORTANT GUESTS, HE WILL PUNISH ME.
IN TRUTH, I REALLY WANT TO GIVE YOU THE SOLDIERS YOU ASK,
EVEN THOUGH I'LL HAVE TO SACRIFICE MYSELF FOR THAT.

I'VE DARED
TO WRITE A REPORT
TO THE THRONE.
WITHOUT
THE SON OF HEAVEN'S
PERMISSION,
THE ARMY
CAN'T MOVE.

PLEASE ACCEPT IT ON BEHALF OF THE EMPEROR, ...
... FOR THE SAKE OF THE PEOPLE.
FOR THE SAKE OF THE PEOPLE, I HUMBLY ACCEPT IT.
LORD XUN YU...
PFFT. AS IF I WILL DELIVER SUCH A THING DIRECTLY TO THE SON OF HEAVEN MYSELF!

DON'T BE STUPID! WHEN LORD CAO CAO TOLD ME TO TAKE CARE OF EVERYTHING DURING HIS ABSENCE, WHAT HE REALLY MEANT WAS "BE CAREFUL OF THAT MAN"!
OF THINGS LIKE THAT.
THERE ARE MANY PROCEDURES TO BE FOLLOWED, BEFORE A REPORT TO THE THRONE CAN REACH THE EMPEROR...
I WISH I HAD EXPLAINED THEM THE PROPER ARRANGEMENTS...
LEAVING THIS ASIDE, HAVE YOU FINISHED THE DOCUMENT ON MILITARY SUPPLIES?
YOUR HANDWRITING! IT'S UNTIDY! REWRITE!
!
EH...
SAY, OLDER BROTHER, ...
THIS VISIT... WAS IT FOR NOTHING? ...

WHILE WE ARE SLACKING HERE, PEOPLE ARE BEING ATTACKED!
WE CAN'T JUST...!
SEEMS IT'S TIME TO LEAVE THE CAPITAL...
THAT STRATEGIST, XUN YU... ON THE SURFACE, HE IS SO POLITE, BUT I CAN'T SEE HIS TRUE HEART
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OLDER BROTHER, I THINK SO TOO.
THIS ...
I DON'T THINK THEY'LL GIVE US THE TROOPS!
OLDER BROTHER!
OLDER BROTHER!
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GUAN YU, I'M HUNGRY!
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URGENT MESSAGE!
THE TROOPS THAT WERE SENT TO DEAL WITH THE MYSTERIOUS ATTACKS...
...HAVE BEEN TOTALLY ANNIHILATED!
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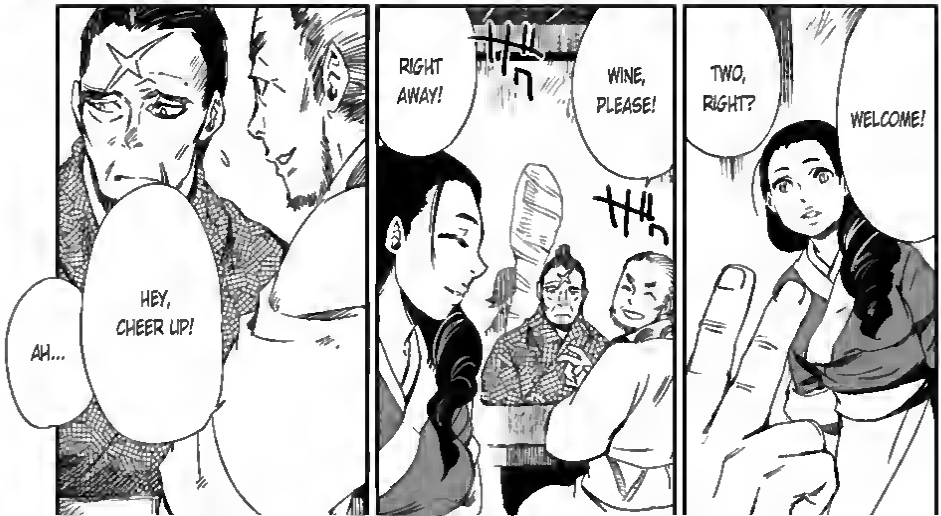
WELCOME!
TWO, RIGHT?
WINE, PLEASE!
RIGHT AWAY!
HEY, CHEER UP!
AH...

But I was the only one ...
ISN'T IT GOOD TO SURVIVE?
HERE, DRINK!

When I looked around, there was no one alive ... No allies.. no enemies ...
WHAT ON EARTH...

... who survived.

I THINK, IT MUST HAVE BEEN SOME BIG ARMY...

HEY, HOW ABOUT A SECOND HELPING?
IT'S JUST YOU'VE ATE SO FAST.
THE MEAL WAS...
...VERY DELICIOUS.
I,TOO, WANT A SECOND HELPING - OF WINE !
IT'S GREAT, ISN'T IT!
THANK YOU.
NO, PLEASE DON'T SAY SO! IT'S ABSOLUTELY NOTHING SPECIAL!

THANK YOU ALL ...
... FOR BEING SO KIND.
IT FEELS LIKE FAMILY...
YEAH, THAT'S RIGHT! IN A WORLD SUCH AS OURS WE ALL MUST HELP EACH OTHER!
RIGHT?
YEAH, THAT'S TRUE!

Seems I've bought too many
Oh
The owner of that shop was so insistent...
YEAH, I TOTALLY RECOMMEND IT!
THIS ONE?
IT'S PERFECT, I ASSURE YOU!
EH!
HEY, JUST PAY... JUST PAY...
Surely, in this nearby tavern...
THANKS FOR THE MEAL! BYE!
HUH?

Oh
You
Tsk!
My hands
got hurt!
BE CAREFUL!
LOOK WHERE YOU
WALK!

You all are worried about me
I wonder, if you find me an interesting person
WHAT A CONCEITED GUY YOU ARE!
HA HA HA! WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?!
HEY, GET UP...

UGH! WHAT THE HECK IS WITH YOUR ARM!
EH?
DISGUSTING FELLOW ...
Ouch! I've failed again, huh

Look! I've hurt my hand!
I've finally found what I've been searching for

HUH?

...YOUR WOUND IS IT ALRIGHT?
EH? IT'S ALRIGHT ...
CHEN GONG, ...
MY SINS...
JUST HOW GRAVE THEY ARE ...

Was the food here delicious? We shouldn't forget about tips here...
WHAT?
See, that's why I've bought the new clothes - instead of those that got ruined by blood stains!

FAMILY ...
PERHAPS, SUCH THING DOESN'T REALLY EXIST...

ON THE WAY HERE
I SINGLE-HANDEDLY KILLED A BIG ARMY AND GOT SOAKED WITH BLOOD.
COME ON, RED HARE* IS ALSO TIRED FROM WAITING. CHANGE YOUR CLOTHES AND LET'S GO.
YOU'VE SURPRISED ME AGAIN!
SO MANY WARRIORS HAVE FALLEN FROM YOUR HAND THIS TIME, ...

*Red Hare - the famous steed given to Lu Bu by Dong Zhuo

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